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Former Portland Forge Workers Receive Trade Adjustment Assistance Certification

Indianapolis, Ind. – The Indiana Department of Workforce Development announced today that the U.S. Department of Labor has determined that former employees of Jay County's Portland Forge have qualified for federal Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA).

The program, which is administered at the state level, is made available to workers who have been displaced due to foreign imports or a shift in production out of the country. On January 5, 2004 the Department of Labor investigation ruled that Portland Forge, a manufacturer of steel forgings, lost considerable production and employment due to increased imports of steel forgings.

Employees who were totally or partially separated from employment on or after November 21, 2002 through the two years from the date of certification are eligible for adjustment assistance. The TAA program provides a variety of benefits and services to help unemployed workers prepare for and obtain suitable employment. Workers may be eligible for training, job search and relocation allowances and other re-employment services. In addition, weekly trade re-adjustment allowances may be payable to eligible workers following the exhaustion of unemployment insurance benefits.

Eligible parties may apply for TAA by contacting Melody Holloway in Muncie's WorkOne Center at 765/ 289-1861 ext. 155.

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